

09.17.15 CommUnity Meeting

~75 persons

- 6:36 Prayer (Sr. Jean)
- 6:39 (Karen) Elected officials
City of Bridgeton
State Rep Bill Otto
2 persons (Byron DeLear & ?) running for Bill Otto's seat
Mayor's office – City of St. Louis
County Executive's office (Anthony Badino)
Pattonville SD
- 6:42P (Karen) List of supporters
Facebook page
STL Glowing Strong page
MO Odor form
Next CommUnity meeting 10/15/15 at John Calvin Church
Handouts
 Talk for Peace at Flo Valley CC (free) 09/19/15
 St. Ann Car Show 09/19/15
 Next CommUnity mtg 10/15/15
- 6:48P (Dawn) History of rad waste
- 7:00P (Dawn) Latest AG report
Court date for AG lawsuit is 03/xx/15
Highlights from some of the AG's Expert Witness reports
Letter from Rep Bill Otto called on the State to extinguish the underground fire, EPA to remove the rad materials from West Lake, and a buyout
- 7:20P (Dawn) 4 goals of Just Moms STL
- 7:21 (Karen) Preparedness
Petition Governor for Emergency Action at Bridgeton and West Lake (handout)
- 7:25P (Dawn) Explained that intervention by Governor would allow federal government to intercede and remove Republic
- 7:26P (Bill Otto) Having conversations with Governor's office, knowing full well there is no easy solution
(Karen) 09/28/15 Peaceful Protest in front of dog grooming business that is closing
- 7:29P St. Louis Public Radio rep asked for volunteers to be interviewed for a story she is writing
- 7:30P (Karen) Doctor on today's NPR show didn't know what he was talking about
- 7:31P (Karen) Comments/Q&A from the attendees
Entire south quarry has never been tested for RIM
Clarification of requested property assurance area
There is no U235 in the US; it came from the Belgian Congo.
Challenge for everyone in this room to bring another person to the next meeting
Pass out petitions at the Flo Valley CC event? Yes
Haul routes began in City of St. Louis
(Byron DeLear) Uniqueness of this site – leachate to POTW, underground fire. Need to grow this effort. Don't know where the fire is; it's moving unchecked. Don't know where the rad waste is. Wants a complete gridded sampling of the site.
Court date not until March and 3-6 months before fire impacts rad waste? Dawn says that MDNR allowed Republic to let the fire move – cozy relationship. There are firms in this country

- that could be hired to try to extinguish the fire. Need to remove rad waste.
- 7:45P (Dawn) Response (dated 09/10/15) to congressionals from DOE Office of Legacy Management: There is no additional information that indicates non-Cotter waste is in West Lake. Sen. Blunt's and Congressman Wagner's offices were upset about the brevity and tone of the letter. Contact Senator Blunt's office.
- 7:50P Someone wants a copy of tonight's presentation.
- 7:51P (Karen) Does this community want to develop its own emergency response plan?
Does this community want to solicit donations (duct tape, plastic, etc.) from local merchants?
- 7:53P (Member of audience) Shelter in place may be best alternative.
(Another member of audience) Can't evacuate due to congestion – worst traffic nightmare you can imagine.
Dawn's plan is that her family will be gone when the fire hits the waste.
Karen mentioned recent happenings, including some abandoning their property.
What about County, who is responsible for planning an evacuation? Dawn indicates that we can request another visit from Mark Diedrich.
- 8:00P Discussion re need for local planning and requires someone (not Dawn or Karen) to lead this effort.
- 8:04P (Another) Can't shelter in place
- 8:05P (Doug – CAG) Explained why shelter in place is an option.
- 8:06P (Bridgeton Councilman) City of Bridgeton does not have an emergency evacuation plan; County has responsibility. He will discuss with Mayor of Bridgeton and Chief of Police of Bridgeton. No one has seen the County's plan.
- 8:09P Karen and Dawn want elected officials to lead this planning effort. Karen and Dawn will be in the audience for this local planning effort, participating but not leading.
- 8:10P Byron DeLear said that police are training for an emergency.
- 8:11P (Resident of Spanish Village) No siren or any notification system. It was requested but subsequently denied by St. Louis County.
- 8:15P Fire has been burning with chemicals for years.
- 8:17P (Dan ??) Will participate in planning effort. Has had rad and fire training in California.
- 8:18P Karen requested those interested in participating in a local emergency planning committee to sign up.
- 8:19P Pattonville HS homecoming parade – opportunity to distribute petitions.
- 8:20P Adjourned

After the meeting, in response to a request, I provided my business card for the CommUnity group to use to contact me so that I can provide them with a DPH contact to participate in this local community planning effort.